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Applicant : GYULA G. JAKAB, ET AL  
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Customer No. : 07380

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated January 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.